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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 08/122,114

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FOR: SANITARY NAPKIN HAVING

CORE PREDISPOSED TO A

CONVEX UPWARD CONFIGURATION

P&G CASE: 5006

GROUP ART UNIT: 3308 ✓

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 24, 1994

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 5, lines 24-25 delete "Figure 1 shows... in which the." and insert therefor --
The; after "backsheet 26" insert --may--.

Page 5, line 26 after "backsheet 26" insert --may--.

Page 5, line 39 delete "of" (second occurrence) and insert therefor --or--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-3 without prejudice.

1. (Amended) A sanitary napkin having a longitudinal centerline and a lateral centerline orthogonal thereto, and having longitudinal side margins and transverse ends, said sanitary napkin comprising:

a liquid pervious topsheet;

a liquid impervious backsheet; and

an absorbent core intermediate said topsheet and said backsheet, said core having two major faces, a first major face oriented toward said topsheet and a second major face oriented toward said backsheet, said first major face having a discontinuous line of weakness therein, said line of weakness being longitudinally concave towards said lateral centerline, said line of weakness comprising discrete sites, wherein said sanitary napkin deforms to a convex upward configuration while in use.

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